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RE: Revised Proposed Regulation R146-15

The Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition (NTPC) would like to be on record in support of the LCB Revised Proposed Regulation R146-15. NTPC's support for the proposed regulation is specific to the provisions regarding the suspension and revocation of the license of a retail or wholesale dealer and the removal of a manufacturer and its brand families from the directory maintained by the Department.

Taxes the state collects from the sale of tobacco products are essential to the operation of state government, including programs and services benefiting public and other health interests. Having the regulatory structure and process in place to hold manufacturers, wholesale and retail dealers legally accountable under current law and the conditions set forth in licensure will ensure those revenues are maximized. To NTPC, the proposed provisions serve to help prevent the illegal manufacturing, distribution and sale of tobacco products, thereby helping to support the efforts of tobacco control and public health organizations.

In addition, providing a regulatory process so participating manufacturers meet all state requirements for inclusion in the directory of manufacturers of tobacco products ensures the maximum amount of revenue is deposited annually into the Master Settlement Agreement in Nevada. MSA funding supports the Fund for a Healthy Nevada, which in turn supports many public health programs, of which tobacco control is a statutory priority.

In summary, NTPC supports revised proposed regulation R146-15, with its emphasis on the provisions implementing processes for licensure suspension and revocation and maintaining the directory of manufacturers of tobacco products.

The Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition is a partnership of public health professionals, medical associations, community coalitions, non-profit organizations, local and state health districts, academic institutions, and other health advocates and volunteers working to improve the health of all Nevadans by reducing the burden of tobacco use and nicotine addiction. More information is at TobaccoFreeNV.org